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Question Time: Oscar predictions

Who do you think will/should win?

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The 86th Academy Awards, also known as The Oscars, are Sunday. The judging for the oldest entertainment awards ceremony is conducted by the nearly 6,000 members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Their choices are often controversial, so we wanted to know: "Who do you think will win? Who do you think should win?" For the first time since Question Time began 10 months ago, not one reader provided an actual answer for this week's question.

Your answers

"I will be the ultimate winner since I won't be watching." — **Mallory Keith**

"Daft Punk wins everything! Wait. Wrong awards!" — **Aaron Roseberry**

“Oscars? Who even cares?” — **Mike Hamm**

Our answers

“I’m no help here. I’ve seen zilch. Last time I saw a movie in the year it would have qualified was probably more than a decade ago. I’m so far removed from Hollywood. When Jennifer Lawrence tripped last year, I was vaguely aware someone of that name existed, but it wasn’t for a few months later that I even knew the name of the movie she won for.” — **Pedro Velazco**

“My favorite for Best Picture is ‘Dallas Buyers Club.’ I might have voted for ‘August: Osage County,’ because so many elements of that movie were impeccable, but sadly, it was not nominated for Best Picture. Meryl Streep most definitely deserves best actress for her portrayal of Violet Weston in that movie. I think Matthew McConaughey, who has come a long way since ‘Dazed and Confused,’ should win best actor for his portrayal of Ron Woodroof.” — **Jill Bond**

“Really? Not one reader could come up with a single positive thing to say? Look, I understand the Oscars are arbitrary and often wrong, but come on. I actively avoid sports, but I still posited a guess this year on who would win the Super Bowl. Unlike football, though, there’s no good way to decide a

clear winner in art except by consensus. This is troubling, but if you love movies (and I know at least some of you do) this is the biggest night of the year for film. Anyway, to the question at hand: I haven’t seen all the prestige films this year, but of those nominated for Best Picture, I watched ‘Her,’ ‘Gravity,’ ‘The Wolf of Wall Street’ and ‘American Hustle.’ I’m kind of surprised Scarlett Johansson didn’t get a nod for Best Supporting Actress for ‘Her,’ as she was quite good, even as just a voice. I wouldn’t be upset at all if ‘Gravity’ won Best Picture and Sandra Bullock won for Best Actress. I thought ‘The Wolf of Wall Street’ was fantastic and my favorite Scorsese film since ‘Casino.’ (Give Leo an Oscar, already!) The biggest snub of the year goes to ‘American Hustle’ for being overlooked for the Best Makeup and Hairstyling category. Each character’s hair was absolutely epic and central to their being. As far as who will win, though, I can’t see anyone beating ’12 Years a Slave.’” — **Rob Burgess**

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